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**CROWNING ROYALTY** Eddie Woody, Newton sophomore, and Tammy True, Washington, Kans., senior, the 1995 Homecoming king and queen, accept congratulations from President Edward Hammond. (University Leader photo by Fred Hunt)

## Graduation honors to be in effect

Melissa Chaffin  
Senate Reporter

Provost Rodolfo Arévalo announced the Council of Deans' decision that the new honors requirements will stand at last week's Student Government Association meeting.

The honors requirements will, however, be grandfathered in, taking effect with freshmen who began in Fall, 1994.

The decision came about after the Council of Deans meeting on Tuesday. SGA stands in support of the decision.

The new honors requirements are 3.6 to 3.79 for cum laude, 3.8 to 3.89 for magna cum laude and 3.9 or above for summa cum laude.

The issue of grade inflation at Fort Hays State is still under investigation. "We talked about putting together a task force that would incorporate a couple of deans, some faculty and some students to look at the issue of grade equivalency and grade inflation," LaNette Schmeidler, SGA president, said.

In other business, senators elected in last week's election were sworn in. A bill appropriating funds for the Greeks Advocating Mature Management of Alcohol organization to attend the GAMMA/BACCHUS 15th Annual General Assembly failed due to lack of a two-thirds vote.

"Yes, GAMMA is an organization made up of Greek students," Adviser Michelle Roben-Lojka said. "However, GAMMA does programming university-wide."

"We do programming very similar to BACCHUS, but there are other needs we address," Roben-Lojka said. A similar bill appropriating funds for BACCHUS to attend the same assembly passed.

SGA Executive Assistant Tom Moody requested anyone involved in a campus organization sign up to attend a meeting for the Campus Leaders in Action.

CLIA is an advisory group formed by SGA administration to address student organizations' concerns on a weekly basis.

Anyone interested in participating can contact the SGA office at 628-5311.

## Raymond Wilson recognized Excellence in Teaching Award presented

Karl Sparks  
Staff Writer

Fort Hays State's Raymond Wilson was recently presented with the 1995 Kansas Council for the Social Studies Excellence in Teaching Award.

The state organization annually recognizes superior achievements and teaching in the area of social studies, Wilson said.

From the hundreds of social studies instructors in Kansas, one teacher from each level in the school system is chosen.

Wilson was chosen out of all Kansas universities as the recipient of this year's university division.

"It's nice to be recognized by this award. To have former stu-

den and colleagues nominate me really means something to me," Wilson said.

According to Wilson, once a teacher is nominated, she/he must go through several screenings by the Kansas Council for the Social Studies.

The board evaluates the instructor's achievements in teaching.

Wilson, who has taught at FHSU since 1979, has written five books.

One is on Kansas history, and the other four concern the American Indians.

His book, *Kansas Land*, is currently being used in all of the second level public schools in Kansas.

Wilson credits this award to the fact he implements the "cutting edge methods of teaching."

"I try to use all kinds of new meth-

ods. I try to get beyond just the facts.

"I want to show students that history is not just a bunch of dead dates and people," Wilson said.

"For example, I use a method called cooperative teaching where students collaborate in groups. The students work on different projects and papers together," Wilson said.

Wilson said he not only enjoys teaching history classes, but also likes instructing future history teachers on teaching social studies in an effective way.

Wilson tries to reach students in a personal way. Each day, he said he sets a goal.

"I try to do the best I can to reach the students, while realizing all the different pressures each person is under," Wilson said.

## Dancers to perform

Jessica Sadowsky  
Entertainment Reporter

Fort Hays State's Encore Series will present the River North Dance Company at 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 15 in the Beach/Schmidt Performing Arts Center located in Sheridan Hall.

Tickets for the general public are \$11 for reserved and \$7 for unreserved seats. Senior citizens and children under 18 are \$9 reserved and \$5 unreserved. FHSU students may purchase tickets for \$7 reserved and \$3 unreserved.

Tickets are on sale now at the FHSU Student Service Center at Memorial Union.

"Students should attend and take advantage of the prices and see a live show," I.B. Dent, coordinator of special events, said.

According to Dent, the opportunity to see productions

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## Choir singing in season

Jessica Sadowsky  
Entertainment Reporter

The Fort Hays State Concert Choir and the Fort Hays Singers will present a Fall Choir Concert at 8 p.m. Thursday in the Beach/Schmidt Performing Arts Center, Sheridan Hall.

Tickets for the event are \$5 for adults, \$3 for children and free for FHSU students with their university cards.

The concert, "will provide an opportunity for FHSU students to experience music that they might not have ever heard before," Rager Moore, director of choral activities, said.

"It's a broad range of music from the 19th and 20th centuries," Moore said.

The concert will include selections from *Erosiana*, with words by Robert Frost and music by Randall Thompson and e.e. cummings poetry set by Peter Schickele. It will also include an arrangement by Victor Young.

Accompanists for the production will be Tamara Fudge and Kathy Jamison. Scott Wicheal, Hays senior, and Tracy Hommon, Smith Center senior, will be soloists for the evening.

"We want to use it as a recruitment opportunity."

"We're 87 strong and encourage those students who were in high school choir to join us next semester," Moore said.

## Host of opportunities available for families

Kathy Hanson  
Staff Writer

For many students at Fort Hays State, homesickness can be cured by a drive home for the weekend.

International students, however, must adjust to separation from their families and their cultures.

The Friendship Family Program connects host families with international students to help students overcome loneliness and to help families learn about other cultures.

I.B. Dent, International Student adviser, said the program allows families and students to share information about their countries and sets up a support system for students far from home.

Dent is currently conducting a drive for host families in Hays and the surrounding area. Approximately 15 new families have applied to participate.

He said, "We had about 20 host families last year. I hope to double the size and get 40 this year."

Host families are only required to spend three hours a month with their international students. However, most families quickly begin to include the students in many aspects of their family lives.

"What happens is a bond between the hosts and the students grow," Dent said.

Some typical activities for hosts and students are having dinners together, attending sporting events, traveling and sharing holidays.

Students are matched with host families through applications which specify their interests.

Dent said international students often excel in sports such as soccer which are not as popular in the United States.

He said, "If a family has a child who wants to learn about soccer, we have some great coaches. They can also teach some great cooking skills."

Pat Mahon, acting registrar, is hosting four international students this year.

She said the Friendship Family Program is a great way to learn about other countries without travelling.

"I feel it is an excellent opportunity to meet people from other countries and learn about their cultures. It is also for students to have someone here to learn about our culture, families and interaction," Mahon said.

Mahon's interest in international students stems back to her childhood, when her family hosted several students from countries such as Japan, Europe and Mexico.

Attending basketball games, cooking dinner for each other and meeting with other host families and students are some common activities the Mahons' share with their students.

Mahon said, "Last year, we had two international friends. They started bringing their friends over, so even more of us got together. That was really neat."

For information on the Friendship Family Program, please contact I.B. Dent at 628-4276.

## International Spice adds dash of culture

Jessica Sadowsky  
Entertainment Reporter

The University Activities Board and the International Student Union will sponsor this semester's first International Spice program at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Backdoor, Custer Hall.

International Spice is free for anyone who wishes to attend.

International Spice is, "a great chance for everyone to expand their mind," Eric Tinchler, director of the UAB, said.

According to Tinchler, the program will be presented by Fort Hays State students from Korea about their native country.

The students will address customs involving students, such as dating and

family, according to Tinchler.

I.B. Dent, faculty advisor of the ISU, said, "This program is an excellent opportunity to learn about the culture of another country presented by fellow students."

"The international students have a lot of information to offer us, we should take advantage of the opportunity," Dent said.

According to Dent, different countries will present programs throughout the year.

Tinchler said, "In the past students have had artifacts and have worn their native dress."

"It's a free cultural event where people can sample food from the country prepared by students."

"International Spice is a strong student event and we are happy to be a part of it," Tinchler said.



**KEG TAPPING** Hays Mayor Sharon Leikam is bergermiester for a day as she taps the keg at Oktoberfest Friday morning. (University Leader photo by Matt Shepker)



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## Editorials

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Tuesday, Oct. 10, 1995

**Editor's Note:** The "Generation X" and "Non-Traditional" columns will be printed side-by-side in every Tuesday edition of The University Leader for the duration of the semester. The purpose of the columns is to provide an informative and sometimes entertaining look at student life on both sides of the coin. These columns are for you. If you have any ideas or anecdotes, please write: Attn: Editor, The University Leader, Picken 104 and either send or drop the letter off in our office.

### Generation X

Rebecca Schwerdtfeger  
Editor/Columnist

I have a list of priorities. There is being an attentive wife, working hard in my classes and doing my best as Editor for The University Leader, to name just a few.

But there is one item which has not been added to my list just yet. That item would be concern for the possible arrival of gray hairs.

I don't know why. It just doesn't exist in my realm of reality.

Maybe it's because I am not quite 20 years old.

Maybe it is because I have not had the wonderful, though (as I understand it) sometimes trying experience of bearing and raising children.

But despite my inexperience in the scheme of my life which lies ahead, I don't think gray hair will ever be a great concern.

When I think of my hair graying in future years, it is a condition I am hoping I will approach in a positive manner.

It will be a new phase in my life which I hope I will ease into with grace and style.

If I make it to the stage where I can claim "gray hair" status, I will be a proud woman indeed.

As a young, traditional member of "Generation X," I watch, day in and day out, documentaries, talk

shows and sitcoms about drugs, violence, gangs and the decline of family values.

Strolling through my daily life, I am bombarded by sideline conversations of others my age engaging in premarital and unsafe sex, people hating their families and others speaking of hate.

I am grateful that, at the ripe young age of 20, I am among the married class and have one companion to share with and invest time with.

I am grateful I no longer feel the need to subject myself to flirting or spending time talking to others and getting frustrated as I see the reality of our generation.

I enjoy people. Really, I do. I enjoy all of the varying aspects others have to offer to this world we all share together.

But I also love the simplicity and the traditional values that my husband and I now have the opportunity to create together.

If, and when, I make it to the "age of gray hair," I will be proud.

I will be proud to have survived in a world where there seems to be so much pain and hurting.

I will be proud to have a family, based on tradition, discipline, respect and above all, love.

Perhaps I am an idealist. I would love to be called a realist. Perhaps someday I will be...

When I am old and gray.

### Non-Traditional

Dina Ross  
Columnist

With the fall season upon us and the leaves strewn everywhere, I am reminded of a hobby that I had some time ago.

Since I was twenty five, the obsession with gray hair had me very worried.

Every morning I used to look at my reflection in the mirror trying to find the indication my youth was going away.

This senseless practice started the day I found the dreadful first, white stray hair.

I do not really know why I had to do it, but as soon as I saw that horrible thing, I would furiously reach out to it, jerking it with all my might.

It is not that I had those hairs appear very often, but I knew if I left one alone, others would grow like weeds.

My fear was someone was going to notice it. The thought was enough to make me feel uncomfortable.

Searching for gray hairs was a daily ritual for many years, even though they appeared seldom.

My excuses to do this unnecessary plucking were many.

Could it be that, after my mother's death I did not want to be like her? Or, maybe I did not want to face the reality of growing old?

Since her early twenties, my

mother had suffered from premature graying hair. She disguised them by dyeing her hair black.

I used to watch her in fascination when she performed her monthly ritual.

She would purchase a little bottle of black liquid which, mixed with peroxide, she would apply to her hair.

The stench of that mixture would attract me like a bee to honey.

Sometimes I dared to help her distribute the precious liquid all over her thick hair, strand by strand.

What a pleasure I felt in my fingertips when I caressed her scalp with the viscosity of the dye.

I can still recall the smelly ceremony as if it were yesterday and believe that I, too, will have to do it sooner or later.

It was so important for my mother to appear young and beautiful.

Fortunately, my problem is not as acute as hers was. I only have a few silvery hairs.

How did I change my attitude towards gray hair?

Now that my oldest daughter is married and my son is a freshman in college, I believe I deserve the crown of age.

After all, twenty plus years of dedication to my six children should be shown off with pride.

Youth is in the heart, not in appearances.

### Editorial

I'm glad for the arrival of the autumn weather if, for no other reason, than the apparent decrease of flying insects. During the warmer months, one could not help but notice the hundreds of tiny little winged bodies thrusting themselves at the outside lights night after night. For some reason, they were drawn toward that light, despite the piles of massacred carcasses which indicated the danger of such an endeavor.

It saddens me how alike we humans are. After a long, stressful day, we relieve ourselves through the pursuit of activities which only add more stress to the system, doing more harm than good. We, too, are drawn toward the light, which looks so promising, when in truth it is deadly.

The cooler weather may decrease the electrification of our flying friends, but we continue to be burned. We don't know to stop while we're ahead - while we're still basking in the glory of the light, but before the heat becomes too intense.

This weekend, I watched as hundreds of students aggressively attempted to release their tension. Their light was their liquor. Many did not foresee the damage they could do until it was already done. As they crowded into cramped quarters and pushed and shoved against one another to get closer to the keg, they thought of nothing but the imminent pleasure they would receive. The end justified the means, whatever it would take was plausible excuse. They did not stop to worry about whom they trampled or how they hurt.

Why do we add more stress to our system in an attempt to relieve the first bout? We perceive we are pampering ourselves in depriving ourselves from sleep, supplying ourselves with alcohol, or merely indulging in the "love" of a night. All these things manage to singe our wings, yet we still fly back for more. We get closer and closer each time we bask in the seeming glory of the light. Eventually we will fly too close and will be unable to turn back to safety; we will have no choice but to join the absurd number of still struggling insects but one squirm away from disaster.

Is it all really worth it in the end?

Jenna Winterberg  
Managing Editor

### Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I'm sending this letter in response to Paul R. Hunt's letter to Miss Winterberg in the Oct. 5 edition. This letter is in defense of her views, which I believe have been misunderstood by many readers.

Wake up Paul! Look around you. You are studying at a very culturally diverse university with students who all possess varied views and beliefs.

I thought it was rather humorous that you called Miss Winterberg closed-minded, although you had no consideration for anyone's opinion but your own. It is healthy to have opinions. In journalism, opinionated articles are meant to grab attention and appeal to readers to spark interest. Apparently Miss Winterberg is very good at what she does. She certainly stepped on your "tail!"

When one reads the paper, one must be open-minded. You only saw one interpretation of the text, your own.

You should be ashamed of yourself for telling her to stop writing. You had no right to infringe upon her creativity in that way. Breaking

someone's creative spirit is a terrible thing to do. You are a graduate student, Paul. I would think that by now you would be aware of this.

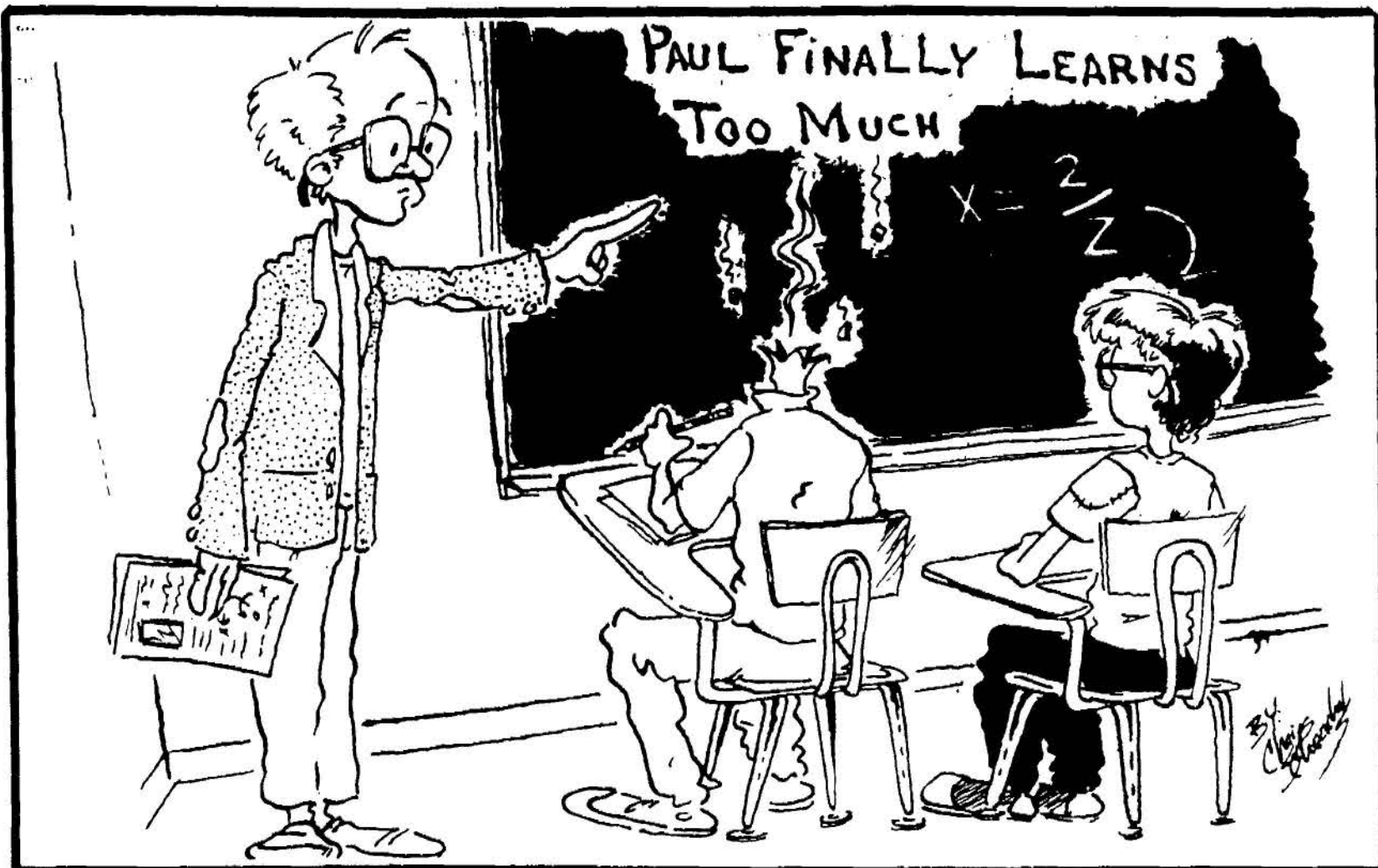
I was born and raised in a small, rural Kansas community. I will let you in on a little secret. I didn't know how to two-step until I came to college. I hated country music and all associated with it, but I kept my mind open.

I experienced the country and western culture, as Miss Winterberg has. Country is still not my favorite, nor is it hers, but at least we were open-minded enough to learn about it.

Try and open your own mind a little more, Paul. You will come to understand that opinions are simply opinions. You can take them to heart and be defensive, or you can simply choose to laugh them off.

Miss Winterberg, I encourage you to keep writing. You are far from closed-minded. Controversial articles are a great way to open minds. You certainly have done a terrific job. Don't quit writing.

Lisa A. Sederlin  
Courtland freshman



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### Writer addresses racism, nation's progression

How ironic that "The Trial of the Century," the O.J. Simpson case, begun in the middle of the World Cup (a worldwide sporting event) and ended a few days before Columbus Day.

It was a hot summer day in 1994 as millions of soccer enthusiasts from all over the world had their eyes fixed on their television sets to see if their team would win.

Suddenly, the World Cup broadcasting was interrupted as O.J. Simpson sped down the highway in a white Bronco.

He was the main suspect for the murder of his estranged wife, Nicole. It happened in California, the leader in racism.

The lengthy trial was a confirmation of how rampant this problem is in North America.

If Ms. Brown had been colored, her murder may have gone unnoticed. But she happened to be light-skinned, as was Mr. Goldman.

That made the difference. The laws have a double standard.

A colored person is guilty until proven innocent, while an Anglo-American is innocent until proven



Dina Ross  
Staff Writer

Los Angeles Police Department. Columbus found America by mistake, calling it "The Indies," and we are still paying for that error.

When the European found that native people had darker pigmentation and spoke other dialects than his, he decried them as subcultures.

They were odd, according to European customs.

Instead of learning from the natives, who inhabited the land, colonizers chose to subjugate them.

Europeans overran the New World, impairing the native's languages and customs through the shedding of blood from all peoples.

guilty.

Now, I would like to focus on the most important question.

"Why can't we all get along?" as Rodney King asked after his infamous episode with the

Los Angeles Police Department.

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Obviously, the side more affected in wars were the natives, not because of their weakness, but because of their weaknesses, but their weapons were not as sophisticated.

As time passed, the relationships amongst the dominant society and the "others" continues to be hostile.

To differentiate, people were classified people from European origin as "white," and the "others" were minorities.

People in the minority side are not only discriminated against but also persecuted.

A startling statistic shows one out of every three persons of African-American end up either in jail or in some kind of legal problem.

How can we solve the racial conflicts without risking another Civil War? With communication. As long as people shy away from each other because of pigmentation, humanity will have no hope.

"A house divided against itself cannot stand," Abraham Lincoln said. Did we learn the lesson?

Our country needs everybody to pull together, not against each other.



## BRIEFS

## Communication

The Communication Club will have a meeting at 4 p.m. today in Malloy 112.

Anyone interested is welcome.

## Student teachers

There will be a mandatory student teachers meeting for elementary education majors for Spring 1996 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday in Rarick 231.

## Student teachers

There will be a mandatory student teachers meeting for secondary education majors for Spring 1996 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 17, in Rarick 231.

## Graduate Exam

The deadline to sign up for Fall 1995 comprehensive examinations is Friday.

For further information, please call (913) 628-4237, or stop by Picken 202.

## Blood Drive

Fort Hays State will be having its annual Blood Drive from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 31, and from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 1, in the Memorial Union Ballroom.

There will be travelling trophies between the on-campus organizations and the off-campus organizations.

Also, FHSU will be competing against Emporia State University. Help FHSU keep the trophy by donating blood.

For more information, contact Marle Mein at 623-4178.

## Rodeo Club

The Rodeo Club meets at 7 p.m. every Tuesday at the Fort Hays State Rodeo Grounds.

Beginning Nov. 21, the club will meet at the Livestock Pavilion (Indoor Arena), .75 miles north of the Exit 157.

## Lines applications

Applications are now being accepted for Lines: A Journal of the Arts editorial board and are due Oct. 19.

Pick up an application in Rarick 370 or contact LaNette Schmiedler at 623-9808 for more information.

## Interviews

Sign-ups are available beginning today for interviews with the following companies: Country Club, Oct. 25; CPA's, Oct. 26; Regional Bank, Oct. 27; Combined Credit, Oct. 27; Great County, Oct. 27.

For more information, contact Career Development and Placement Office at 623-4244.

As National Coming Out Day approaches

## Writer addresses the issue of homosexuality

My family's curiosity was kindled last autumn when my sister, a recent college graduate, mentioned she'd found a new roommate. Our imaginations went wild as we pictured the most horrific possibilities, but our intrigue was not truly ignited until we met the mystery mate.

He (a surprise in and of itself) was not only exceedingly handsome, artistic and intelligent, but also a barrel of fun to be around. My parents loved him from the start and it was the first of my sister's friends we siblings heartily approved.

Much to my dismay, the rest of my family altered their opinion of him only days later when they discovered, to their horror, that this magnificent man was gay.

The arguments and bashing that ensued are hardly worth printing; the point I mean to make is: despite all the positive characteristics possessed by



Jenna Winterberg  
Managing Editor

absence of firsthand knowledge and information. Though generalizations are often unfair, they are sometimes the best we can do.

Most of us here at Fort Hays State grew up in small towns. We may claim we do not know any homosexuals, but the truth of the matter is we probably do. Unfortunately, it is difficult for them to reveal their sexual

this individual, he was judged by his sexual orientation alone.

The stereotypes our society has developed concerning homosexuals were originally created to make sense of a situation in

identity because of the stereotypes and the controversy surrounding the issue, especially in small towns.

Tomorrow, Oct. 11, is National Coming Out Day. It will provide an opportunity for many homosexuals to "come out of the closet" to their friends and family in whom they have not yet confided. In an effort of support for this tradition in its seventh year, I would like to present some facts about homosexuality in order to promote awareness and dislodge some of the stereotypes we have substituted for fact.

A homosexual is someone who is attracted to someone of their same gender. It does not matter whether they act on those feelings or not. Sexuality is only one aspect of their lives. Many tend to believe homosexuals dwell on this particular personality trait more than others, but that impression is probably due to the

emphasis placed on it by the rest of society, not by their own emphasis. Though a part of their identity, it is by no means the whole of their identity.

The number of homosexual students on college campuses is estimated to be one in ten. Of course, the number may seem higher where the degree of acceptance is higher and lower where it is not perceived as "safe" to come out.

Homosexuality is not exclusive to the human race. In the natural world, homosexual contacts have been known to occur in almost every species of mammals studied, often with some frequency.

Sexual orientation is not a choice. The decision is made in part by nature, in part by outside influences. The only choice for the homosexual to make is whether to reveal his or her orientation.

As to the morality of homosexual-

ity, there is no right answer. We are granted the right of religious freedom in the United States, so the issue should concern the homosexual alone. It is his or her responsibility, not our concern.

For those students who should choose to "come out" tomorrow, we should do our best to offer encouragement and support. Do not forget, however, many choose to keep their orientation a private matter. Refraining from discriminatory actions and speech in the presence of all persons ensures that we are providing a more comfortable climate for our counterparts.

We can only hope someday Fort Hays State may be an open-minded environment where people are judged as individuals and not as a uniform group. Tolerance is the beginning, acceptance the only end we should seek.

## Prior to Halloween, Novena celebrated in the Philippines

Two weeks before Halloween in the U.S., Novena is celebrated to honor the spirits of loved ones in the Philippines.

Basically, what the Philippines believe happens during Novena is that the spirits hear the prayers of the living, they rise from their death, they eat food brought to them and some spirits are empowered from their torture.

Furthermore, the rationale a Filipino provides for this observation is the living need to inform the deceased that they are loved and remembered to ensure their happiness.

The celebration takes place over nine days, during which prayers are made and several rituals are performed.

Commemorating the dead during Novena is demonstrated through a series of sermons.

First, everyone visits the cemetery. By entering the physical realm of the dead, the cemetery, people share feelings of love with the spirits of the cherished ones. Despite their physical absence, the spirits are still loved.

Thus, they clean their tombstones and the graveyard as a sign of expressing their piety.

Second, people feed the spirits of the loved ones as they bring about a



Mahmoud F. Suleiman  
Guest Columnist

sense of communion. After feeding the spirits and cleaning the cemetery, the Philippines set the stage for the night feast to honor the dead through prayers.

People pray for happiness in the eternal life of the spirits, cleanliness from any sins committed during life and empowerment from any due punishment.

The living Philippines do their part in this commune with the dead. As the spirits rise from their trance when they hear the prayers, they eat the food brought to them and rejoice in their mystical world.

Hoping to bring happiness to their dead during Novena, the Philippines share with the upper world a sense of common experience. As yesterday's living pass away, today's surviving will follow tomorrow.

Whatever the case may be, most celebrations in many cultures, such as the Philippine culture, reflect the underlying premise of the universal human experience.

Regardless of their form, these rituals are so powerful and tend to reflect several values and convey many meanings that augment our understanding of the essence of humanity.

Celebrations are bound to the cultural mandates that shape their form, time, purpose, audience and the like.

The Halloween celebration is not an exception, it is widely celebrated across the globe with its unique cultural connotations.

Since demise has become the symbol of Halloween, its rituals vary considerably from one culture to another.

Thus, the celebrations range from being entertaining and sarcastic to being serious and didactic.

In many cultures, as we have seen in the Philippine society, the whole premise of Halloween is that the living honor the dead, sending signals about life and death, good and evil.

The moral of Halloween is an annual reminder of humans' inescapable fate.

On the other hand, in other cultures, the living mock at death as a destructive power during the life cycle. The lesson that underlies the irony has a profound meaning to our understanding of the same human

concerns.

Still, in other societies, the celebrations, bearing many names, involve entertaining children into accepting the notion of an end to every beginning, thus promoting a feeling of satisfaction and stoic acceptance for the hidden agenda of the future.

One assumption remains central to the rationale for Halloween. However, it is the realm of life always being overshadowed by the periphery of doom.

In other words, in their quest to understand their destiny, humans created a sense of communion between the known and the unknown.

We seem to know about our seeable world, but we hardly explicate much of the meanings about the invisible domain.

Humans try to explain the future phase of their journey in this world.

The cryptic idea of Halloween makes us wonder whether the deceased have a yearning to return to life, or whether they engage in such an eulogy for the life that was taken away from them.

Humans will remain oblivious to the fact that they shall face an inevitable moment when an understanding would be more comprehensible than the tricks of Halloween.

It must be pointed out that all celebrations of this nature seem to be equally significant in meeting the human and thus spiritual needs of their observers. Most celebrations revolve around humans' need to satisfy their emotions of love, understanding and acceptance.

By celebrating the spirits of the loved ones, humans maintain a communion to insure their happiness and complacency.

While some answers may be provided by these celebrations across cultures, more questions are raised about their rationals and pragmatic purpose.

So, the cultural patterns of Halloween reflect an anomaly of human interpretation of their fate.

Here, as humans and spirits celebrate together, they display a dazzling degree of equality among the living and the dead.

Despite our seemingly indifferent attitude about this fact, the celebration during Halloween tends to be an aberration that is passed from one generation to the next.

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## Some gather to protest Pope's message

**Pope John Paul II's visit incites protest amongst praise.**

Associated Press

BALTIMORE (AP) — Outnumbered by the thousands who flocked to see Pope John Paul II, a group of

two dozen gathered several blocks from the seat of the nation's oldest diocese Sunday to protest the Holy Father's message.

They carried signs reading "Birth Control, Before It's Too Late For a Hungry World," "Birth Control, Not Guilt Control," and "Respect for Women and Gays is a Matter of Justice."

Didi Kelley, of East End, N.Y., said she wishes more people would follow the pope's teachings, but op-

poses his hard line against abortion and birth control.

"If you can marry when you're a virgin, that's great," said Kelley, who is Presbyterian. "But we have to deal with reality, not utopia."

Some protesters — most of whom represented feminist, gay and lesbian groups — complained they were denied access to the parade route, which was open to the public.

The group gathered near the Washington Monument, several blocks

from where the pope later ate lunch and toured the Basilica of the Assumption, but well north of the end of the parade route.

Mark Durham, 30, of Baltimore, planned to distribute the 5,000 condoms he was carrying in a large plastic bag.

"There's 330 million reported venereal disease cases, that's not including AIDS," he said. "The pope is out of touch with the reality that people are having sex."

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## Homecoming weekend

(Photos clockwise from top left)

**DIFFICULT THROW** Brycen Campbell, 2, throws a volleyball he was playing with during Saturday's Lady Tigers volleyball tournament against the New Mexico Highlands University Cowgirls. He is the son of Brad and Vickie Campbell of Kansas City, Mo. (University Leader photo by Fred Hunt)

**HIGH JUMP** Paul Murray, Hays, attempts to spike a ball during Sunday's men's volleyball competition against K-State at Gross Memorial Coliseum. (University Leader photo by Matt Hoernicke)

**B-B-QING BRATS** Matt Hayes, Hays sophomore, cooks bratwurst for the Hays High School wrestling team booth at Oktoberfest Friday afternoon. (University Leader photo by Chris Jeter)

**LEG MEN** Curtis Zachman, Dodge City junior, and Aaron Wiman, Olathe sophomore, sample turkey legs that were sold at the Financial Management Association's booth at Oktoberfest. (University Leader photo by Mark Bowers)

**PIECE OF THE ACTION** Area children scramble to catch candy thrown from a vehicle in Saturday's Homecoming parade. (University Leader photo by Mark Bowers)





### Tigers ride away with 51-7 victory against the Cowboys

Marc Menard  
Staff Writer

Saturday, it was tailback Clint Bedore on the ground and quarterback Shawn Behr in the air as the Fort Hays State offense arrived. The Tigers accumulated 635 total yards of offense in shelling the New Mexico Highlands Cowboys, 51-7.

It was the sixth consecutive Homecoming victory for the Tigers under Head Coach Bob Cortese. The win improves FHSU Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference record to 2-0 with a 4-1-1 record overall.

It didn't take long for the Tigers to get rolling.

On the first offensive series for the Cowboys, linebacker Michael Harge intercepted a pass and returned it to near midfield.

Seven plays later, Behr threw the first of four touchdown passes to a wide open tightend, Mike McGavran, in the end zone.

Behr, Great Bend senior, who finished the game with 390 passing yards, made it look easy as he connected on the first 10 passes of the game en route to a 24 of 31 passing perfor-

mance.

"We were just really clicking today. The offensive line did a great job of giving me time," Behr said.

It was a great offensive performance indeed for the Tigers, who have struggled on offense thus far this season.

In recent weeks, the Tigers have relied on opportunistic defense in winning games, but the Tiger offense took over against the Cowboys.

"We played this game for the defense, they have really carried us so far. All season long the defensive guys were telling us to 'pick us up.' We always felt that if the offense was clicking and the defense was clicking, that we could win games," Behr said.

The Tigers showed a balanced attack with Bedore, filling in for the injured tailback Emmett Pride, rushing for 160 yards and two touchdowns.

The success of the running attack

opened up the passing game for Behr and his talented corps of receivers.

Senior split end Kahn Powell finished with 165 yards on nine catches. Senior flanker Lance Schwindt had a big day as well, catching six passes for 174 yards.

The huge success of the passing game for the Tigers came on a play which failed miserably a month ago against Pittsburgh State.

The play was an inside screen pass the Gorillas intercepted for a touchdown.

Cortese had been uneasy about using the play again, but Saturday it was the bread and butter play for the Tigers.

"The key to that play is simply patience. I've had to learn to look downfield and check off all my receivers and just let the play develop. Today it was there everytime," Behr said.

For Cortese, who kept his unbeaten Homecoming streak alive was

elated at how well the offense played Saturday.

"Anytime somebody rushes for over 100 yards and somebody throws for over 300 yards, it is a good day of work," Cortese said.

The turning point in the game, according to Cortese, was the fumble by New Mexico Highlands late in the second quarter that ended a long Cowboy drive. The Tigers were able to capitalize on the fumble, going 93 yards in seven plays and capping it off with a Behr to wide receiver Xavier Brown touchdown pass.

"We would have been pleased to let them have a field goal. If they had been able to get in the end zone, they're back in the game. Our defense came through with the turnover. That was a big play," Cortese said.

The Tigers will not be able to rest on their laurels this week as they prepare to take on Mesa State in a home contest Saturday at Lewis Field Stadium.

The game will mark the return of former Fort Hays State defensive coordinator Jay Hood, who is now the head coach of the Mavericks. Kick-off is scheduled for 1 p.m.



**NARROW ESCAPE** Tiger senior, Lance Schwindt narrowly escapes the grasp of New Mexico Highlands sophomore, Jira Sanson, during Saturday's homecoming game at Lewis Field. (University Leader photo by Fred Hunt)

### Tigers school Emporia State

Rod Smith  
Staff Writer

While there were no classes on Friday due to Oktoberfest, the Tiger cross country teams travelled to Emporia, where they did a little schooling of their own.

The lesson was how to seek out victory over your intra-state rival, the Emporia State Hornets.

The women defeated the Hornets by two points, 28-30, while the men won by even less, 34-35.

Senior Summer Vann won the women's 5k race in 18:59, her best time of the season.

Following close behind her and finishing third and fourth were junior Jennifer West and senior Leslie Nielsen.

Four other Tigers finished in the top 20.

Sophomore Chandra Russell, a consistent scorer for the Tigers, placed eighth.

Freshman Lisa Davies rounded out the scoring for the women, finishing 12th.

Seven of the eight women ran season bests.

In the men's race, junior Jason Shanahan captured his third top three placing of the year. He fin-

ished second with a 26:49 time. An unattached runner won the race, leaving Shanahan as the top collegiate finisher.

Junior A.J. Lee, the second Tiger to cross the finish line, placed sixth.

Three other Tigers finished in the top 15.

Freshman Brian Michael finished 10th, junior Jason Haskett placed 12th and sophomore Ryan Liess finished 14th.

Of the nine Tigers in the race, six ran season bests.

After battling a knee injury all season, Liess, who is from Goodland, competed in his first meet of the year.

Head Coach Jim Krob was pleased with the efforts of his No. five runners.

"Lisa Davies and Ryan Liess really came through when we needed them," Krob said.

Missing the ESU meet due to an injury was freshman Jeth Fouts, who has been one of the team's top runners all season.

This week the Tigers will host the Tiger Invitational. Races will be run on Fort Hays State campus. The women run at 10 a.m. and the men run at 10:35 a.m.

### Tiger volleyball team ends weekend with a 2-1 winning record

Ali Moore  
Staff Writer

Homecoming proved not to be too distracting for the Lady Tiger Volleyball team as they ended the busy week-

end with a winning record of 2-1. The Tigers began the weekend, Friday with a win against the Fort

Lewis Skyhawks going 15-9, 15-10, 15-8.

Head Coach Jody Wise said she thought this would be the toughest match of the weekend for the Tigers, but it ended up to be the best match they played all year.

"We stayed focused and played consistent all through the match," Wise said.

The Lady Tigers received their only loss of the weekend Saturday against New Mexico Highlands University going 8-15, 6-15, 6-15.

"The Cowgirls out played us, and we didn't seem to have the intensity to win. We didn't deserve to win the way we played."

"They hit the ball very hard at us and it was tough to return. This match was probably the worst out of the three that we played," Wise said.

The women concluded their weekend matches against Adams State College with a big win going 15-9, 15-12, 10-15, 15-9.

Wise said she was very pleased with this match. The stats were evenly split, which showed great team effort. Everyone contributed to the match, according to Wise.

"Overall, I was very happy going 2-1 for the weekend," Wise said.

The Lady Tigers leave Thursday for Mesa State College and Western State College.



**AGGRESSIVE BLOCK** Lady Tiger freshman Manda White and senior Lisa Wolverton try to block a spike by a New Mexico Highlands University Cowgirl during Saturday's game in Gross Memorial Coliseum. (University Leader photo by Fred Hunt)

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